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SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN RUMORS CONCERNING CHINESE PROVOCATIONS  
ON THE SINO-SOVIET FRONTIER

1. DURING EMBASSY OFFICER'S APRIL 15-16 VISIT TO KARA-  
GANDA IN NORTHERN KAZAKHSTAN, DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL  
LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ONE VISITOR FROM ALMA-ATA PRODUCED  
UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF CONTINUING "CHINESE PROVOCATIONS"  
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ALONG THE BORDER.

2. ONE YOUNG TAXI DRIVER WHO HAD RECENTLY SERVED IN THE  
GROUP OF SOVIET FORCES, GERMANY, COMMENTED THAT RECRUITS  
HOPE FOR ASSIGNMENTS IN THE WEST RATHER THAN TO UNITS  
DEPLOYED ALONG THE SINO-SOVIET FRONTIER. THERE, HE NOTED,  
A SOLDIER'S LOT IS DANGEROUS. A KAZAKH CINEMATOGRAPHER

FROM ALMA-ATA STATED THAT "PROVOCATIONS" STARTED BY THE CHINESE ARE CONTINUING, A FACT ANOTHER TAXI DRIVER, AN OLDER MAN, SUPPORTED. THIS SOURCE, HOWEVER, DIFFERED FROM THE LINE TAKEN BY OTHER INTERLOCUTORS IN THAT HE CLAIMED DEEP FRIENDSHIP TOWARD THE CHINESE PEOPLE AND ASSERTED THAT IT WAS ONLY THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP'S GREAT POWER PRETENSIONS WHICH CAUSED THE TROUBLE BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORS. ANOTHER SOURCE, A 60-YEAR OLD MINING ENGINEER, STATED THAT THERE WAS TROUBLE ON THE BORDER BUT REFUSED TO COMMENT FURTHER, NOTING THAT THIS IS "SUCH A SERIOUS BUSINESS THAT WE SELDOM DISCUSS IT HERE, EVEN AMONG FRIENDS."

3. COMMENT: IN EACH CASE, INTERLOCUTOR READILY RESPONDED THAT THERE IS CONTINUING TROUBLE ALONG THE SINO-SOVIET FRONTIER AND EACH CLAIMED THAT THIS IS CAUSED BY "CHINESE PROVOCATIONS." THOUGH GENERALLY WILLING TO EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS TOWARD THE CHINESE (CONTEMPTOUS IN MOST CASES), THEY WERE UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO OFFER MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR ALLEGATIONS AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THEIR STATEMENTS ARE BASED ON FACT OR RUMOR. END COMMENT. TOON

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